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Col. Roland L. Butler, Jr. is sworn in by Gov. Wes Moore to officially become the 21st superintendent in Maryland State Police history.

## Col. Roland L. Butler, Jr. Sworn In As 21st MSP Superintendent

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Governor Wes Moore on April 11 swore in Colonel Roland L. Butler, Jr. as the 21st superintendent of the Maryland Department of State Police.

Gov. Moore was joined by Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, Secretary of State Susan Lee, House Speaker Adrienne Jones and Senate President Bill Ferguson for the ceremony.

“Superintendent Butler is the best person to move the Maryland Department of State Police forward.

He brings exemplary service to this role, with a career spanning three decades,” Gov. Moore said.

“I am confident that Superintendent Butler will work in partnership to execute his vision and reform the department, by increasing morale, by building trust, and by recruiting and retaining the best and brightest our state has to offer: always with an eye toward equity – always with an eye toward fairness – and always with an eye toward transparency.”

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From left: Gov. Wes Moore, MSP Superintendent Col. Roland L. Butler, Jr., Secretary of State Susan Lee, Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller, Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson and House Speaker Adrienne Jones gather after Col. Butler was sworn in by Gov. Moore last month in Annapolis.

## SUPERINTENDENT: History-Making Selection

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Col. Butler has nearly 30 years of experience in law enforcement, including as Chief of the Maryland State Police Field Operations Bureau, where he led a patrol force of more than 1,000 troopers and investigative personnel assigned to 23 barracks.

During his career, Col. Butler served in both line and supervisory positions as he was promoted through the ranks, rising to become the sixth African-American lieutenant colonel in the 102-year history of the Maryland State Police.

He has served on the superintendent's staff in the Maryland State

Police Support Services Bureau Office of Equity and Inclusion, and in other positions throughout the Field Operations Bureau.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead the Maryland State Police under Governor Moore's mission to truly improve the quality of life of citizens across the state," Col. Butler said.





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## Lt. Gov. Miller Joins MSP, Dept. of General Services For Berlin Barrack Groundbreaking

(BERLIN, MD) — Lt. Governor Aruna Miller on April 7 joined the Maryland Department of General Services and the Maryland Department of State Police to participate in the groundbreaking for the new Berlin Barrack V on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

“This \$26.8 million dollar facility is a significant achievement for the Eastern Shore and the state, reflecting the steadfast dedication we have to protecting our citizens,” Lt. Gov. Miller said.

“This new barrack will allow our troopers to better meet the needs of the public.”

The new barrack will replace the existing bar-

rack, built in 1976, and modernize the facility, including the installation of new technology and updated equipment. The new facility will be 24,000 square feet, containing the barrack, a new laboratory, and an additional 4,400 square foot garage.

The new laboratory will be expanded to become the Forensic Sciences Division-Berlin. The construction project is estimated to be completed in July 2024.

“The new Berlin Barrack will provide road patrol troopers, criminal investigators and civilian support staff with a modern state-of-the-art facility on the Eastern Shore,”



DGS Secretary Atif Chaudhry, MSP Superintendent Col. Roland L. Butler, Jr. and Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller were among those who attended the groundbreaking for the new Berlin Barrack.

Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Roland L. Butler, Jr. said. “As we break ground to commence the replacement of a barrack that has served us well for almost half a century, I am excited about the additional space and upgraded infrastructure which will ultimately enhance the quality law enforcement services we provide to the citizens of Worcester County.”

The new barrack design is in compliance with the International Green Construction Code to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability goals as outlined by the Department of General Services. The building is

equipped with LED lighting and occupancy sensors as well as an efficient variable refrigerant volume HVAC system with dedicated outdoor air supply units, which utilize heat recovery. The barrack, laboratory and garage are ADA compliant.

“We are extremely excited to be building a second MSP barrack within the last two years,” General Services Secretary Atif Chaudhry said. “Two years ago we built a barrack in Western Maryland. This year we’re building one on the Eastern Shore. The Department continues to do great service across the state.”





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## Emergency Dispatchers Honored During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

When most people think of the Maryland State Police, they picture a trooper. While troopers are generally the “public” face, Emergency Dispatchers provide the link between citizens and troopers. While not as visible as troopers on the road, each Emergency Dispatcher is just as necessary and critical for the completion of the mission.

As April 9-15 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, we wanted to take a moment to thank and recognize all of our Emergency Dispatchers for their dedication and service to public safety. They are the “calm in the eye of the storm,” often performing multiple duties during intense and stressful situations. They are the lifeline for our troopers and the public at large. So, thank you to all of our Emergency Dispatchers who work tirelessly to keep our troopers and citizens safe.

During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, we wanted to introduce you to a member of Maryland’s Finest: Pamela Bryant. Recently, Bryant was awarded the 2022 Maryland State Police Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor of the Year for her professionalism and making the safety of our troopers her main priority. When troopers hear Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor Bryant on the radio, they are con-

“*Emergency dispatching is very challenging and very rewarding. The rotating shift work as well as the serious calls for service can be stressful but when you know you can help someone on the other line and your shift partners go home safely... it makes it all worth while.*”

**MS. PAMELA BRYANT**

2022 Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor of the Year



fident in the accuracy and timely information they will receive.

Bryant has been with the Maryland State Police for the last 27 years. She is currently assigned to the Prince Frederick Barrack, where she supervises four amazing Emergency Dispatchers with a new Dispatcher who was expected to come on board last month. Bryant describes the atmosphere as a “family unit” at the barrack.

She calls emergency dispatching both challenging and rewarding.

“The rotating shift work as well as the serious calls for service can be

stressful but when you know you can help someone on the other line and your shift partners go home safely... it makes it all worthwhile,” she said.

For those interested in a career as an Emergency Dispatcher, Bryant offers this piece of advice: “Research the position, ask questions, and possibly see dispatching firsthand.”

We want to extend a massive THANK YOU to Ms. Bryant, and all of our Emergency Dispatchers statewide, for their dedication and service to our Department.





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## MSP Accepting Applications For 2023 Leadership And Career Development Seminar

(SYKESVILLE, MD) – The Maryland State Police announces that applications are now being accepted for the fourth annual Leadership and Career Development Seminar, which will take place from Aug. 4-6, 2023. The goal of the free event is to develop interest and introduce high school rising juniors and seniors and incoming college freshmen to career opportunities with the Department.

The two-day, action-packed seminar will be held at the Maryland State Police Training Academy in Sykesville. Those interested in starting a career in law enforcement – either sworn or civilian – are invited to learn about the Maryland State Police from troopers and civilian employees who specialize in a wide range of expertise. The seminar is a way to identify young talent and foster a relationship with the community. The goal is to provide participants with hands-on experiences and an introduction to the Department's mission critical career opportunities.

Attendees will learn about emergency communications, fitness and defensive tactics, facets of a law enforcement career, aviation/flight



paramedics, leadership, digital forensics/cybersecurity and details into our diverse civilian occupations. Troopers and civilian employees from various specialized units will be on hand to share their experiences about life as a state trooper or as a civilian employee in a law enforcement career. This will include representatives from Criminal Investigations, Forensic Sciences, Police Communications, Information Technology and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Along with this exciting opportunity, food and lodging will be provided on the campus of the Maryland State Police Academy. Each barrack commander will select one

applicant to represent their respective county, including Baltimore City.

To qualify for enrollment, applicants must submit either a two-minute self-taped video or a written essay to explain why they are interested in a career in law enforcement. The deadline for applications remains open. For more application guidelines, please visit <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/Youth-Leadership-Seminar.aspx>.

*Questions about the seminar and the application process can be emailed to:*  
[mssp.youthprograms@maryland.gov](mailto:mssp.youthprograms@maryland.gov).

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## Maryland State Police Aviation Crew Rescues Hiker, Dog Stranded In Harpers Ferry

(HARPERS FERRY, WV) — Maryland State Police helicopter was called to rescue a hiker and his dog after they became stranded on a cliff above the Shenandoah River late in the evening on April 9.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command's Trooper 3, based in Frederick, MD, was summoned to a densely-wooded, mountainous area of the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park around 10 p.m. The 27-year-old hiker and his dog "Angel" had been exploring the area along the Loudon Heights Trail, across the river and south of Historic Harpers Ferry Lower Town, when he became lost and unable to access the main trail.

Rescuers from Jefferson County, WV were called to the area of William L. Wilson Freeway (US340) and Chestnut Hill Road (WV32). They were able to speak with the hiker via cellular telephone and could see his headlamp on the cliffs above. However, due to the steep and



treacherous terrain, they were unable to safely reach him. Due to the hiker's precarious position, Jefferson County rescuers called the Maryland State Police to assist with extrication.

Once overhead, the pilots on Trooper 3 hovered the Agusta Westland AW-139 helicopter nearly 150 feet above, while a Trooper/Rescue Technician was lowered into a very small and challenging opening in a heavily wooded, steep, and rocky area.

The Trooper/Rescue Technician made contact with the hiker and determined he did not require any medical care. A rescue basket was then lowered to the waiting Trooper/Rescue Technician and victim. The Trooper/Rescue Technician assisted the hiker and his dog into a rescue basket. They were hoisted onto the hovering aircraft. Once the hiker and his dog were secured into the cabin of the AW-139 by the Trooper/Crew Chief, the Trooper/Rescue Technician was hoisted onto the aircraft.

The uninjured hiker and his dog were flown to the helipad at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Advanced Training Facility near Harpers Ferry, where a waiting ambulance crew evaluated the hiker and coordinated arrangements for a friend to pick him up.

The MSPAC has served Maryland citizens since 1970 and operates a fleet of 10 AW139 helicopters from seven bases throughout the State. Each aircraft provides round-the-clock coverage to Maryland residents and visitors.

The agency's missions include medevac, law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of the missions relies heavily on the cooperative efforts of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement agencies, and our partners at the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Park Police.



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## Maryland State Police Conduct Traffic Stop On Person Of Interest In New Jersey Homicide Investigation

(BALTIMORE, MD) – Maryland State Police conducted a high risk felony traffic stop on a person of interest in a homicide investigation in Roselle, New Jersey.

The person of interest is identified as Everoy J. Morrison, 44, of Roselle, New Jersey. Morrison was the operator of a 2019 silver BMW 750 with a New Jersey registration, which was reported stolen. He was arrested on charges related to the stolen vehicle.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on April 19, officers from the Roselle Police Department contacted Maryland State Police regarding a homicide investigation in New Jersey.



The investigation involved a stolen vehicle from a residence in Roselle, New Jersey where the owner and her daughter were found deceased.

An hour after the lookout was received, troopers located the stolen vehicle on Bel Air Road, near I-695 in Baltimore County. Troopers from the JFK Memori-

al Highway Barrack conducted a high risk felony traffic stop on the stolen vehicle.

The driver was taken into police custody without incident.. He is currently in Baltimore County Detention Center awaiting extradition to New Jersey.

Troopers on the scene were assisted by Baltimore County Police. The Maryland State Police Homicide Unit continues the investigation in coordination with the Roselle Police Department in New Jersey.

The Union County Prosecutors Office Homicide Task Force is leading the homicide investigation. The investigation is active and ongoing.





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The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) recently recognized the winners of the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (MVTPC) Public Service Announcement contest. The winners are Dante Manago, Jaelin Jackson, Veronica Walton, Samira Marshall, Gio Guattadauro, Brent Morgan, and Tyler Glass.

## Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Recognizes PSA Contest Winners

Congratulations to the College of Southern Maryland students recognized for their winning productions in the 2022-23 PSA contest.

Maryland's Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, in partnership with the Maryland State Police and the Maryland/DC Anti Car Theft Committee, presented scholarship awards during the annual PSA

competition.

The PSAs were required to focus on new trends in auto theft. The Council recognized five contest winners.

In the video category, two projects were honored. The first was produced by Dante Manago and Jaelin Jackson, while the second was created by Veronica Walton

and Samira Marshall. Three additional students were honored for their work in the audio category: Gio Guttadauro, Brent Morgan and Tyler Glass.

To view the winning entries, visit: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/OfficeoftheSuperintendent/PSAContest.aspx>

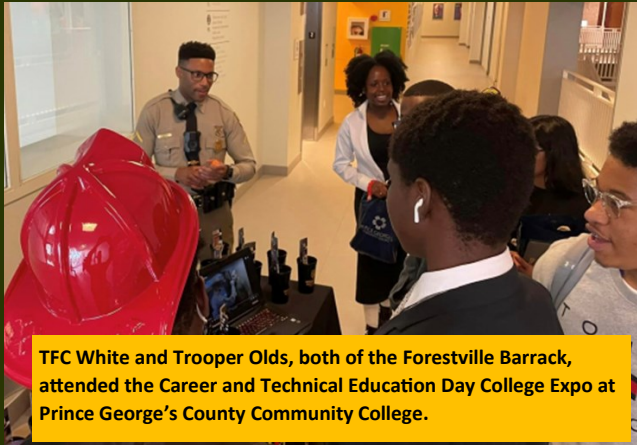
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## PHOTOS: MSP In The Community



TFC White and Trooper Olds, both of the Forestville Barrack, attended the Career and Technical Education Day College Expo at Prince George's County Community College.



Sgt. Turner and TFC Wolf represented the Maryland State Police at the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives in Houston, Texas.



Cpl. Tyrel Flowers-Jackson helped spread the word about careers with MSP while attending the Penn Relays.



Trooper Thienhom speaks to a student during a career fair at Bowie State University.



Troopers from the La Plata Barrack participated in the Charles County Judy Center Spring Fling at Eva Turner Elementary School.

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